



*Building Futures Through Education*

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
FOR THE EDUCATION OF  
HOMELESS CHILDREN  
AND YOUTH**

## **Vermont's Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program**

### **Purpose**

Vermont's Education for Homeless Children and Youth program provides federal support to ensure that homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate, public education (including public preschool) provided to other Vermont children, with the opportunity to meet the same challenging state content and student performance standards. The program requires removal of barriers to the enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children and youth in school.

### **Legislature**

Technical assistance and support to local education agencies (LEAs) is provided for the implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*.

### **Homeless Children & Youth Enrolled in School for 2005-2006:** (Unduplicated Count)

K-5	326
6-8	161
9-12	194
<b>Total:</b>	<b>681*</b>

\*Note: This number is not an estimate of child homelessness in Vermont. It represents only those children identified and enrolled in school.

### **Three-Year Comparison of Homeless Children and Youth Identified and Enrolled:**

2003-2004: **432**      2004-2005: **643**      2005-2006: **681**

### **Primary Residence of Homeless Children and Youth 2005-2006**

307	(45.1%)	Doubled Up – <i>sharing housing with others due to loss of housing or hardship</i>
177	(16.0%)	Sheltered – <i>DV shelters, homeless shelters, awaiting foster care placement</i>
35	(5.1%)	Unsheltered – <i>cars, parks, substandard housing</i>
120	(17.6%)	Hotel/Motel
42	(6.2%)	Unknown

<b>State Allocation FY2006:</b>	\$154,678
<b>State Allocation FY2007 (estimated):</b>	\$154,678

<b>Number of Sub-grants awarded to LEAs for 2004-2006</b>	4
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<b>Total Number of LEAs</b>	64

**Number of Homeless Children and Youth Served by Sub-grants:** 195

**Greatest Barrier Cited by Subgrants in 2004-2005:** Transportation

**Services Provided:** Referrals for medical, dental and other health services, transportation, assistance with participation in school programs, before and afterschool programs, mentoring, summer programs, parent education related to rights and resources for children, coordination between schools and agencies, referrals to other programs and services, tutoring, expedited evaluations, professional development for educators, obtaining or transferring records necessary for enrollment, counseling.

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